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Upper Periyar and Kallar Schemes

* 424 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—மதுரை ஜில்லாவுக்கு பயன்படும் மேல் பெரியாறு (Upper Periyar) கல்லாறுத் திட்டங்களை சர்க்கார் பரிசீலித்தார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: No, Sir.

Demands of the Public Works Department staff

* 425 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received copies of the resolutions passed at the third Annual Conference of the Madras State Public Works Department and Irrigation Conservancy Subordinates and Telephone Gumasthas' Association, Tiruchirappalli, held on 20th April 1958;

(b) if so, the gist of the demands; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a) Yes, Sir. A copy of the resolutions was received on 17th June 1958.

(b) The Association has asked for the enhancement of the scales of pay and the Dearness Allowances of these subordinates, the upgrading of a larger number of II Grade posts of Telephone Gumasthas to the I Grade, payment of a fixed Travelling Allowance instead of the present cycle allowance and the promotion of Telephone Gumasthas as Clerks.

(c) The Chief Engineer's remarks have been obtained and the requests are under consideration.

SRI S. LAZAR: அவர்களுக்கு இப்பொழுது இருக்கக் கூடிய சம்பள விகிதம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: தகவல் இப்பொழுது என்னிடம் இல்லை.

Palar Basin Rules

* 426 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the year in which Palar Basin Rules were issued,

(b) for what purpose; and

(c) whether these rules are applicable to rivers in other places?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a) 1931.

(b) For prohibiting the construction of new irrigation works and extension of existing works in the Palar Basin with the object of increasing the amount of water impounded or drawn off, as the Palar System is already burdened with the irrigation of an area beyond its capacity.